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Rules, regulations and procedures of the organizations of the United Nations development system concerning TCDC: draft decision

The High-level Committee,

Recalling its decisions 5/7 of 27 May 1987 and 6/3 of 29 September 1989, paragraphs 13 and 15, and decision 90/43 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on 20 June 1990,

1. Takes note of the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on the rules, regulations and procedures of the organizations of the United Nations development system concerning TCDC, 1/ and of the report by the Administrator 2/ on the views of the organizations of the United Nations development system on that report;

2. Takes note also of the report of the Meeting of Governments of Developing Countries and Executing Agencies of the United Nations Development System on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries;

3. Recommends to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme the convening in early 1992 of a special meeting of TCDC focal points of the organizations of the United Nations development system to be devoted to the task of preparing guidelines for the review of policies and procedures in those organizations concerning TCDC;

1/ DP/1990/77.

2/ TCDC/7/10.

4. Further recommends that these guidelines be reviewed by the Administrative Committee on Coordination and transmitted to the High-level Committee for its consideration and adoption and for subsequent implementation by the organizations;

5. Further recommends that the Administrative Committee on Coordination, through the meetings of TCDC focal points of the organizations, monitor the implementation of the guideliness on a regular basis;

6. Requests the Administrator to report to the High-level Committee at its eighth session on the progress of the implementation of the present decision.

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Intergovernmental programming exercises for TCDC: draft decision

The High-level Committee,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 42/179 and 44/450 on further strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical cooperation among developing countries,

Recalling also its decision 6/5 on the promotion of TCDC programming exercises, including meetings for negotiations with respect to technical cooperation among developing countries,

1. Takes note of the progress report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming for TCDC which reviews the exercises and meetings convened during 1989 and 1990;

2. Takes note also of the fact that the TCDC programming exercises are being evaluated by independent consultants under the auspices of the Special Unit for TCDC with the view to increasing and improving the effectiveness of exercises in further strengthening TCDC;

3. Encourages Governments of developing countries which have formalized bilateral TCDC projects and activities through past TCDC programming exercises, to continue to provide the necessary financial and other resources to facilitate their implementation, including, where necessary, support from their country IPFs;

4. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the Committee at its eighth session on the implementation of the present decision with particular emphasis on the outcome of the evaluation of the exercises.

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Staffing of the Special Unit for TCDC: draft decision

The High-level Committee,

Recalling its decisions 3/8, 4/3, 5/2, and 6/8 concerning the strengthening of the Special Unit for TCDC in order to enable it to discharge all its mandated responsibilities effectively,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and of the arrangements proposed therein for staffing the Special Unit for TCDC during the 1992-1993 biennium;

2. Takes note also of the rationale which has necessitated the staffing restrictions across the board in the United Nations Development Programme;

3. Further invites the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to review at its fortieth session, the staffing level of the Special Unit for TCDC in relation to its mandated functions and growing responsibilities when considering the budgetary proposals for UNDP headquarters for the 1994-1995 biennium;

4. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the High-level Committee at its eighth session on the status of staffing of the Special Unit for TCDC.

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Information from Governments and intergovernmental organizations on their activities in technical cooperation among developing countries: draft decision

The High-level Committee

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme entitled "Information from some Governments and intergovernmental organizations on their activities in technical cooperation among developing countries; 1/

2. Invites the developing countries to continue to strengthen their national focal points for TCDC with a view to enabling them to promote and coordinate TCDC activities at the country level;

3. Urges Governments of developed countries to continue to give their full support, wherever possible, in the identification, formulation and implementation of TCDC activities in the framework of recommendations 35 and 36 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries;

4. Invites Governments and intergovernmental organizations of developing and developed countries to provide to the Special Unit for TCDC information pertaining to their activities in TCDC in the ensuing two-year period, not later than 30 December 1992, to facilitate the preparation of the Administrator's report, in a timely manner, to the High-level Committee at its eighth session.

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Progress made by the United Nations development system in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action: draft decision

The High-level Committee,

Reaffirming the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,

Recalling its decisions 6/3 concerning its review of the activities of the United Nations development system within the framework of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, 6/6 concerning the role of women in technical cooperation among developing countries, and 6/7 concerning the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the implementation of those decisions;

2. Expresses appreciation of the measures reported by the ten organizations, as mentioned in the Administrator's report, in strengthening their role in promoting TCDC, in particular, the expansion of publications dealing with TCDC, expanded staff briefings on TCDC concepts and issues, establishment of internal task forces on TCDC, strengthening of organizational focal points for TCDC, and the establishment of closer relations with the Special Unit for TCDC in enhancing their supportive capacities, especially closer linkage with the Special Unit's TCDC information referral system (INRES) in identifying developing countries' modalities for obtaining project inputs;

3. Expresses concern over the continuing inability of many of the organizations of the United Nations development system to measure their support for TCDC in quantitative and financial terms which would reliably demonstrate the extent of progress achieved over preceding periods;

4. Expresses further concern over the uncertainty reportedly still prevailing among several organizations in distinguishing TCDC activities from non-TCDC activities, especially those under regional, interregional and global programmes being supported by the organizations;

5. Recommends, as a consequence, that the next meeting of TCDC focal points of the organizations of the United Nations development system address itself to this question and develop a common methodology for identifying and reporting on their TCDC activities in accordance with the general principles established in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, and in subsequent decisions of the High-level Committee, and as elaborated in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on the rules, regulations and procedures of the organizations concerning TCDC; 1/

6. Further recommends that the common methodology for identifying and reporting on TCDC activities thus developed should be used by all organizations in the preparation of the progress report for the eighth session of the High-level Committee;

7. Decides that the reporting at future sessions of the High-level Committee on this and related subjects shall be based on a single document containing a synthesis of the information to be provided by the organizations, with conclusions and recommendations for the Committee's consideration. In this way, information on all actions by the organizations in support and promotion of TCDC would normally be consolidated in a single report, unless otherwise required in exceptional situations;

8. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider effective measures to accelerate the pace of the use of the TCDC modality in the execution of projects financed from country IPFs, whenever deemed appropriate, and in accordance with the wishes of the Governments of the countries concerned;

9. Encourages the governing bodies of all other organizations of the United Nations development system to consider similar measures for enhancing the use of the TCDC modality in the execution of projects financed from their regular programmes and trust funds;

10. Takes note also with appreciation of the report of the Third Meeting of TCDC Focal Points of the Organizations of the United Nations Development System, and expresses the hope that the organizations are considering and implementing the recommendations of that report in further enhancement of TCDC in the system;

11. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the High-level Committee at its eighth session on the implementation of the present decision.

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Development of a strategy of TCDC in the United Nations development system: draft decision

The High-level Committee,

Appreciating that several useful exercises have been undertaken, and some are under way, to examine and evaluate specific aspects of technical cooperation among developing countries including the Joint Inspection Unit report on the United Nations development system support to the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 1/ the report of the meeting of the Group of Governmental Experts on the rules, regulations and procedures of the organizations of United Nations development system concerning TCDC 2/ and the evaluation of TCDC programming exercises by independent consultants currently under way,

Convinced that many lessons have been, and are being, learned from TCDC projects and activities carried out by developing countries themselves through bilateral and multilateral arrangements with the assistance of the United Nations development system,

Recalling the particular catalytic and promotional role of the United Nations Development Programme and, in this context, the allocation of funds from the UNDP Special Programme Resources (SPR) for the promotion of TCDC,

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1/ JIU/REP/85/3 (see A/40/656).

2/ DP/1990/77.

Noting further that the fifth programming cycle for the utilization of UNDP's resources begins in 1992 and that the Governing Council will review TCDC in depth at its thirty-ninth session,

Recognizing the importance of developing, in accordance with the principles established in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, a strategy for the United Nations development system that will more efficiently respond to the needs of developing countries in the application of TCDC for the 1990s,

1. Endorses the proposal of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme that an overall framework for the promotion and application of TCDC in technical cooperation programmes and activities of the United Nations development system in the 1990s be formulated in accordance with the guidelines of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, taking fully into account the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts, the Joint Inspection Unit report, and ongoing evaluations, and in mutual consultation among all partners involved;

2. Requests the Administrator to report to the High-level Committee at its eighth session on the strategy developed for its review and comments.

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1993 session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries: draft decision

The High-level Committee,

Taking into account the views expressed at its seventh session,

Approves the following provisional agenda for its eighth session, to be held in 1993:

1. Opening of the session.

2. Election of the President of the session.

3. Election of the officers other than the President.

4. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.

5. Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and decisions of the High-level Committee.

6. Organizational and supportive arrangements for technical cooperation among developing countries (such as administrative, legal, information and financial).

7. Adoption of the report of the Working Group.

8. Provisional agenda for the 1995 session of the High-level Committee.

9. Other matters.

10. Adoption of the report of the High-level Committee on its eighth session.

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Role of women in technical cooperation among developing countries

Draft decision submitted by Norway and Germany

The High-level Committee,

Underlining the principle of equal rights between men and women as laid down in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the mandate of the United Nations system, as stipulated in General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989, to promote the full integration of women in development,

Reaffirming the validity of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,

Affirming its decision 6/6 of 29 September 1989 on the role of women in technical cooperation among developing countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the role of women in technical cooperation among developing countries; 1/

1/ TCDC/7/5.

2. Expresses its concern at the little progress and the lack of practical relevance achieved by the United Nations development system in its endeavours to integrate women in technical cooperation among developing countries;

3. Decides that the Special Unit for technical cooperation among developing countries within the United Nations Development Programme, or any other body within the United Nations Development Programme to be assigned the tasks currently undertaken by the Special Unit should:

(a) Allocate sufficient human and financial resources to pursue the full integration of women in technical cooperation among developing countries;

(b) Take full account of women's needs when considering the approval of projects for technical cooperation among developing countries;

(c) Design, in addition to undertaking the integration of women in technical cooperation among developing countries as a mainstream activity, specific projects in order to support income-generating efforts for women and to facilitate women's tasks, while taking account of the opportunity to spread appropriate technologies within technical cooperation among developing countries for the betterment of the situation of women;

(d) Continue to monitor progress made in the integration of women in technical cooperation among developing countries with special emphasis on the monitoring of action-oriented efforts;

(e) Continue to develop and improve guidelines to ensure full access and participation of women in activities of technical cooperation among developing countries;

4. Urges the heads of all organs of the United Nations development system fully to support and cooperate with the United Nations Development Programme in all aspects of the integration of women in technical cooperation among developing countries;

5. Urges developed countries to continue to support actively the integration of women in technical cooperation among developing countries;

6. Invites developing countries to continue to intensify efforts to fully integrate women in their activities of technical cooperation among developing countries, taking fully into account the vast potential of appropriate technologies for the improvement of the situation of women;

7. Requests the Administrator to report on the implementation of the present decision to the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries at its eighth session.

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The Challenge to the South: The Report of the South Commission: draft decision

The High-level Committee,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 45/195 of 21 December 1990,

Taking note also of The Challenge to the South: The Report of the South Commission, 1/ especially its contents regarding the role of South-South cooperation, particularly the priority areas contained therein,

Noting that the report gives a new impulse to economic and technical cooperation among developing countries,

1. Welcomes the inclusion of an item entitled "The Challenge to the South: The Report of the South Commission" in the programme of work of the High-level Committee, given its relevance to the issues relating to cooperation among developing countries;

2. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in cooperation with agencies, bodies and organs of the United Nations system, to prepare a report on the extent to which recommendations of the Commission on South-South cooperation have so far been implemented;

1/ New York, Oxford University Press, 1990.

3. Also requests the Administrator to indicate areas in which the United Nations Development Programme could assist in implementing the recommendations contained in the report;

4. Further requests the Administrator to report to the High-level Committee at its eighth session on the implementation of the present decision.

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International Consultative Meeting on TCDC: draft decision

The High-level Committee

1. Welcomes the decision of the Government of Morocco to host an international consultative meeting on technical cooperation among developing countries shortly, to examine ways and means to enhance this form of cooperation, taking into account the current state of progress in the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries;

2. Calls upon States Members to be represented at the meeting at the highest level possible;

3. Calls upon the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Development Programme, to support the Government of Morocco in organizing the meeting.

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North-South round table on technical cooperation among developing countries

Draft decision submitted by Egypt

The High-level Committee

1. Invites donor countries to give growing attention to technical cooperation among developing countries in their foreign aid allocations;

2. Urges in particular interested Governments to organize a North-South round table comprising a selected number of countries and personalities to reflect on and assess general issues of technical cooperation among developing countries.

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Membership of the Special Unit for TCDC in bodies dealing with policy matters

Draft decision submitted by Egypt

The High-level Committee,

Recalling its decision 6/3 of 29 September 1989, paragraph 14,

1. Commends the recent decision of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to include the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC in the Action Committee;

2. Invites the Administrator to include the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC also in all other committees dealing with policy matters.

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TCDC/ECDC in the field of interregional trade

Draft decision submitted by Egypt

The High-level Committee

1. Underlines the need to undertake follow-up action to the ECA/ECLAC Joint Meeting of Governmental Experts from Africa and Latin America on Economic and Technical Cooperation, held from 1 to 4 June 1982 in Addis Ababa, and to its action-oriented proposals in the areas of interregional TCDC/ECDC, namely, trade and finance, science and technology, and human resources, and to that end:

(a) Urges ECA and ECLAC to start immediate consultations with a view to the rapid implementation of the first item in the above-mentioned proposals, i.e. establishing a trade network between the two regions;

(b) Invites both regional commissions to give consideration to a phase I project aimed at establishing trade networks in their respective regions that would be linked up interregionally upon completion of the regional stage;

(c) Requests the two regional commissions to undertake appropriate initiatives with regional and subregional organizations like the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Latin American Economic System (SELA), as well as development finance institutions such as the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the African Development Bank (ADB);

2. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to engage prompt action with the International Trade Centre

UNCTAD/GATT and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for their support to the implementation of the above-mentioned trade network project, and to report at the organizational and special sessions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1992.